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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance and cause provocation continued over the period 11-20 August 1995.

11 August 1995

1. Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 82 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

3. On 11 August 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0855 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1050 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1140 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1337 hours.

12 August 1995

1. Southern region: 91 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Shatrah and the area to the south of Najaf.

2. On 12 August 1995, three United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0858 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1005 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0958 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1020 hours.

The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1145 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1255 hours.

13 August 1995

1. Southern region: 88 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah, Chabaish, Salman and Artawi.

2. On 13 August 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0840 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1040 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1145 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1340 hours.

14 August 1995

1. Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 120 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi, Busayyah and Qal'at Salih.

15 August 1995

1. Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Aqrah, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah, Amadiyah and Zakho.

2. Southern region: 68 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Chabaish, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

16 August 1995

1. Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Aqrah, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 77 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Qurnah, Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Amarah, Chabaish and Busayyah.

3. At 1035 hours on 16 August 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1228 hours.

17 August 1995

1. Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 55 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi and Salman.

3. At 1120 hours on 17 August 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1230 hours.

4. Aggressor aircraft dropped four heat flares in an area 10 kilometres north of Tall Afar at 1320 hours on 17 August 1995 and five heat flares in an area 20 kilometres north of Tall Afar at 1230 hours on the same day.

18 August 1995

1. Northern region: 23 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Ayn Zalah, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Aqrah.

2. Southern region: 73 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Shu'aybah, Maymunah, Lasaf, Salman, Busayyah and the area to the south of Najaf.

3. On 18 August 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0900 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1055 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1200 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1330 hours.

4. Between 1150 and 1330 hours on 18 August 1995, hostile formations dropped 13 heat flares in areas 10 kilometres north of Tall Afar and 20 kilometres south of Dohuk.

19 August 1995

Southern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Busayyah, Salman, Chabaish and Artawi.

20 August 1995

1. Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 52 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

3. On 20 August 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0915 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1005 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1140 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1250 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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